to be followed for determining 'Creamy Layer' in relation to services under the Union.

Demarcation of Boundary

3549. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether at many places, physical separation of boundary between India and Bangladesh has not been made which is resulting in the free movement of citizens of both the countries;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to stop illegal movement across the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Plans have been sanctioned for construction of 2784 kms. of roads and 896 kms. of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border. 1671.73 kms of roads and 6332.84 kms of fence have been completed by October 1996.

(d) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These measures include rasing of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increasing in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels. The number of Bangladeshi nationals deported by the Border Security force during the last three years is as below :

1994	22,110
1995	12,486
1996 (upto October)	8,216

Tibetan Refugees

3550. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tibetan refugee have been issued ration cards and photo identity cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether they have right to exercise their franchise and to contest election in India;

(e) if so, from which date, the manner of the same and reasons therefor;

(f) the details of economic assistance, facilities protection provided to them; and

(g) the expenditure incurred on them, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Tibtan refugees have been issued ration cards by various State Governments However, they have not been issued photo-identity cards by Election Commission of India as they are not Indian Citizens.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

(f) Tibetan refugess have been provided rehabilitation assistance under various Agriculture & Handicrafts schemes.

(g) Upto the year 1992-93, amount of Rs.1616.23 lakhs was incurred on Tibetan refugees After that the following expenditure has been incurred during the last three years;

Year	Amount of Expenditure
1993-94	Nil
1994-95	Rs. 30 lakhs
1995-96	Rs. 34.32 lakhs

Cultivation of Tobacco

3551 SHRI B. DHRAMABIKSHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area under cultivation of tobacco in the country at present as compared to the last two years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quantity and quality of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A statement giving the State-wise area under cultivation of tobacco during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is annexed.

(b) At present the Government is not implementing any scheme on the development of tobacco in the country. However, two non-plan schemes on seed and seedling to distribute pure seed and seedling of bidi tobacco and training of farmers is being implemented in 100 per cent basis for adoption of improved practices with a view to increase the productivity.